The GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE
A Memorial Day Story by Adele Brown

chewed a bit of oat straw ruminantly as he sat in his barn door one morning in May. Already the cherry blossoms were sending down their white shower of

petals. In the opposite corner of the barn

door sat the chairman of the selectmen of the village. He had just paid Reuben what the farmer considered a wonderful compliment.

"Of course," said Reuben, "I expect to be present at the exercises that day. 'Tain't often this town has a centen nial, and I ain't likely to see another, smiling whimsically. "When I heard the Guy-nor was comin' I was more'n anxious to go, 'cause he's got a name like an old friend of mine-nicest boy you ever see-shot 'way back in '64 in a skirmish-same night I got this hole in my leg. I kinder think the Gov'nor may be some kin of his'n. Maybe Fil have a chance to get speech with

Sure you will. We don't care for oratory, Mr. Henshaw. We want plain facts, and you'll give us those. Good

Long after Mr. Whitney's top buggy had disappeared over the crest of the hill. Reuben sat in the barn door and mused. In imagination he was back in the autumn morning long ago, when the fifteen volunteers of the little village marched away. How gay they were, or pretended to be! The maple trees had spread a flaunting carpet of scarlet and gold for their feet. The leaves rustled merrily as they marched, heads up, faces front. The girls waved and cheered, but the mothers knew and hid their faces. He could see his mother's white face now. We smiled, as he recalled Samantha's face that morning, round and rosy, with a wealth of curls on either side, and blue eyes meeting his eyes shyly. She had pressed a small package in his hand when he went to say good-by the evening before. He waved his thanks as he passed her in the crowd Dear little daguerrectype! he had it still. faded but heautiful to him. He must go and tell her about Mr. Whitney's compliment. She would be glad to know. Samantha was always glad when henors came to him.

As he reached the kitchen door, Samantha came down the steps to help | ain't drawin' the color line very tight him. Putting her hand under his arm | new. I didn't feel that way, though.

have to come and get you. Thought with-" Here followed the string of you'd fallen asleep."

asleep. I was way back in war time. his audience and talked as he had Al Whitney was here this mornin' to talked many times to the children and get me to make a speech at the Cen- friends who loved to hear his war tennial. 'A Tribute to Our Boys of stories, giving kindly tribute to his '61' he said I was to call it. But I ain't goin' to put no such high-flyin' telling of lonely pickets and forced title as that on it. If they want an | marches, dwelling upon acts of bravaccount of how our boys fit and suf- ery and fearlessness, till his hearers with interest to the glowing tribute fered and died. I can give it."

better. But won't you be afraid talkin obliged to touch him on the shoulder

"Now, sank into his seat amid a thunder of Reuben laughed sortly. mother! the Guy-nor ain't a day older applause. than our little Ton: would have been. No I ain't a mite scared '

for several days after Mr. Whitney's catch the speaker's words, "Strange," visit; for Reuben spent many hours at thought the old man, "how much he the old deak in the sitting-room, writ- looks like Tom Duffield, my old tent-

and clear. Preparations had been go- born. But he is strangely like; the ing on for several days in the village, same alert, eager face, the look Tom The hotel and post office were ger always had before a battle. Poor You! from in flags and bunting. Flags how tired he was that night we camped floated from many house windows. At below Hazel Run. Tom was almost one end of the common a huge tent sick that night, anyway. I was a lot had been erected, and there the speak- stronger, and glad to take his place on ers would face the assemblage. An or- the picket line. Twas pretty hard to gan had been placed in front of the keep awake, though. I couldn't help rostrum, and a choir of village boys it-if my feet-did stumble-myand girls drilled for the occasion. The head-felt-us-though-" A sudden band from Upper Hallam had valun- jerk. Why, I thought I was a boy on thered their services. In front of the ploket duty again; I must have dozed." hotel was placed a dining-tent to ac- And Reuben looked about in wonder remmodate the overflow. The village till his eyes found Sumantha's face was astir early, and long before ten again and rested there. Now the govn'clock, the hour set for the exercises ernor was on his feet. He was speakto begin, the church sheds were filled ing. What was he saying? Reuben with horses, carriages, express wag- leaned forward, his old hands with ans and farm wagens, while a long their knotted veins clutching his line of nondescript vehicles, with of knees, his blue eyes filled with wonder, ten indifferent locomotive power, lined | "Friends," the governor was saying, the fences. Purveyors of badges and "before I begin the speech I am here him." postal cards wandered up and down to make, I want to pay a tribute to one and the toy balloon man arrived early. of your volunteers whom your speaker | form, she caught Reuben't coat, "Come, The entire township had poured its has everlooked. I have a father-he father," she said, "You and Mr. Duffull measure of enthusiasm into the is here today—who was also a volun- field come outside with me. I'm 'fraid selves. It is very desirable to provide are "boxed." The boxes are not, as sillage; and in the home gatherings | teer in '61. In Washington he met a | you can't stand it." And so, led by were brought together for the first boy from his own state. They became | Samantha, they passed out into the time sons and daughters who had chums and tentmates. They were to sunlight.

INTERESTING ITEMS

Lucullus sometimes spent over \$8.

If one of the combatants in a prize

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of a Weish village in Anglesea,

highest velocity ever given to a can-

non ball is 1,626 feet per second. This

is equal to a mile in little more than

three seconds, or nearly twenty miles

a minute. A rifle bullet does not

average rate being 1,275 feet per sec-

500 on a single meal.

present and approving.

church, near to red cave."

models



wider horizons years before.

form and saw the sea of faces before the story with loving remembrancequaintance, and decided that his eye- was cold and wet. Next day the march sight was growing poor. By and by was a hard one, through the mud of a as the mist cleared he saw Samantha's country road. My father was not talked when the time for his speech | for many miles a halt was called, and came. Then Mr. Whitney turned and camp made, he was assigned to picket sole remaining veteran of the Civil keep awake, and so your boy volunwar, Mr. Reuben Henshaw." As he teered to serve in his stead. Your boy stood up, tottering a little on his had served the night before. He had wounded leg, there was a surprised marched as far as my father, but he murmur at the rear of the tent among accepted the duty to spare his friend. a group of strangers.

gripped it tight, and sought out the about some of the bravest men this town ever had. I've got it all writ down here, but my specs ain't workin' right, and I don't believe I can read it. he was killed," he murmured. Guess I'll jest have to tell it to you lows that were it fit lest as hard as we place of safety, then disappeared." did, and they got licked, and I guess we forty-five years ago, when I marched "Why, father, I didn't know but I'd out of this town in the fall of '61, along fourteen names well-known and rever-"I was dreamin', ma, but I wasn't enced in the village. Reuben forgot companions of campfire and battlefield,

And just like 's net Tom would have the governor should make the final ad- rade, Reuben Henshaw." been Guy nor if he had have lived, dress. Reuben, his mind freer now, studied the young governor's face as Joe, the hired man, had double work he sat bending slightly forward to mate and chum. Tom was shot way At last the great day dawned, bright back in '64, long before this boy was

turned their backs on the viliage for gether in many a hard-fought battle. Many a night they lay in the trenches It was all blurred confusion to or marched weary miles in each other's Reuben as he was ushered on the plat- company. One night-my father tells him. He could not distinguish an ac- your soldier boy did picket duty. It sympathetic face, and to that face he well. When after plodding wearfly introduced "our honored citizen and duty. He was very tired, too tired to Can you not see him as he trudges

Reuben fumbled for his manuscript, painfully back and forth on his post? "There was another night" - the face that had never failed him. Then governor's voice was quiet now and he began his speech. "Feflow-citizens, all was very still-"a small detachneighbors, friends," he began, "your ment of the Fifth was surprised by the chairman selected me to talk to you enemy. In the skirmish that followed, my father was shot."

Reuben's mouth had fallen open. "I kno't; wasn't I there to see? But

"His chum," continued the goverafter all. I'm wearin' gray today nor, "seeing his comrade fall, dashed 'stead o' blue. I've buried all hard | in amid a rain of bullets thick as bair, feelin's toward the color. Them fel- and dragged the senseless body to a

"Grays ketched me," muttered Reu-

"When my father recovered consciousness he was in a field hospital of the Christian Commission. There he fearned of his friend's part in that night attack. Search was made; but all effort to find that friend proved unavailing, and he was given up for dead. When my father recovered, minus his right arm, he received an honorable discharge, and returned home. Later he left his home and went to Vermont. I learned today that his old comrade is still alive. I have listened thrilled with the recital and many eyes your speaker has paid to the volun-"That's so, father: no one can do it were wet. At last the chairman was teers of this village. But he has been too modest. deeds he has left unrecorded. So I take pleasure in giving my inadequate testimony to the bravery and kindness There was one more speaker before of your neighbor and my father's com-

There was not a sound to be heard as the governor turned and clasped Reuben's hands in both his own. The old man's eyes were full of tears, and his voice trembling as he asked eagerly, "Is Tom alive? is Tom alive?"

"Yes," returned the governor, "not only alive, but here. We came with me today because it was to your town I was coming."

The crowd had been quiet long mough and now broke into tumultuous

Down through the aisie another old man was coming, gray, bent, his right sleeve hanging empty. Making his way through the curious applauding throng he reached the platform, while the governor, still holding Reuben's hand, stopped forward to meet him. One look into each other's eyes, and the two old comrades clasped hands with a cry of "Reuben!" "Tom!" Then their trembling voices falled and their yes overflowed.

Samantha laid a timid hand on that of her neighbor.

"I'm afraid father can't stand it," she said anxiously. "I must go and get

guilty of manslaughter, but so are the speed. seconds, promoters and everybody Those Dear Friends. Not long ago a Parislan dressmaker Hazel-"You may not believe it. put three pretty girls to wear her dear, but I actually refused the offers dresses in the windows of her establof six different men the past summer.'

In India the lowest classes wear as

shoes a fat block with a large knob.

which slips between the first and sec-

Had Him Puzzled.

but what were they selling?"

lishment in place of the usual wax Aimee-"Oh, I don't doubt it at all;

"A great many people have one means "the Church of St. Mary in a time and another declared that I am | cially in war during the conflict in hollow of white hazel, near to the the double of someone," stated J. the Crimen in 1854-56, and although rapid whirpool and to St. Tisilio Fuller Gloom, "but the deuce of it the art of photography was then but is that no two of them ever agree on sixteen years old, some fine pictures 'low fast does a builet travel?' The the person whom I resemble."-Kansas City Journal.

Absolutely Convincing.

There is nothing quite so convincing, to disinherited heirs, of the uptravel ar fast as a cannon ball, the sanity of a wealthy relative, as the be queathing of the whole estate to char ity.-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Origin of Comets.

All comets so far observed have originated in the solar system, accordond toes. They are so skilled in wear- ing to investigations carried out by ing these that they are able to keep | Prof. Elis Stroemsren, director of the fight kills the other, not only is he them on and walk or run with great Copenhagen observatory. The plan of research involved the backward computation of planetary perturbations.

Record Sponge.

The largest sponge ever found came from the Mediterranean. It was three feet across and ten feet in circumference.

First Use of Camera in War.

The camera was first employed offiwere obtained. In the American Civil war the camera was also largely used.

Dally Thought.

If a man were to place himself in an attitude to bear manfully the greatest evil that could be inflicted on him, he would suddenly find there was no svil to bear .- Thoreav.

Horses That Are Properly Housed and Cared For Make Money for Their Owners.

SPACE IS IMPORTANT POINT

Building Described Below Has That Requisite and Practically All Conveniences Necessary - Special Attention Given to the Feed Room.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1837 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for vided which does not take up any valuable room and cannot be torn off its

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

that are needed in the work during door, certain seasons of the year, such as A circular concrete water tank keeps the horses in fine condition and circular tank also leaves no projecmakes it easy to regulate their feed tions on which the animals can hurt and take care of them so that they themselves. can work ten hours a day it necessary.

By building a special barn it is possible to provide the various conveni-

studs are placed on top of this wall. To protect the ends of the studding and prevent them from rotting they are placed in studding sockets made of east iron. These sockets are imbedded in the concrete and present one of the best ways of constructing frame barn structures. Holes are provided in the sides of the sockets so that they can be nailed to the upright timbers. Post sockets are also pro vided for the double row of posts that run through the center of the barn.

The construction of the feed room shows very careful attention to details. The sliding door that shuts this room off from the rest of the stable is placed on an inclined track so that it s self-closing. This prevents the horses from getting into the grain and eliminates the possibility of someonorgetting to close the door.

Above the stable is a mow that can be used for the storing of hay and straw. The roof is of the self-supporting gambrel type so that a large unob-

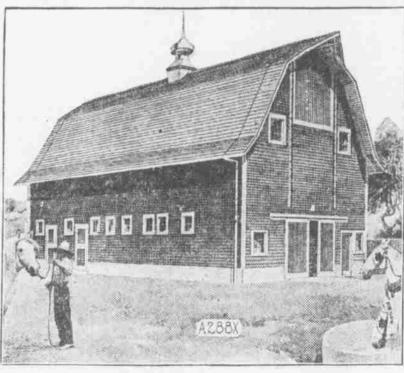
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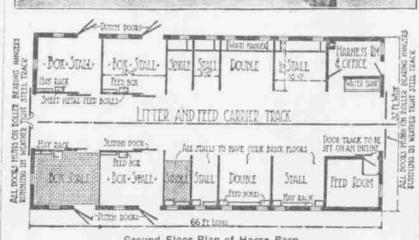
SPELLING

able room and cannot be torn off its hinges by the wind. Sliding doors are a great convenience for this pur-On the larger farms it is very nec- pose and are rapidly taking the place ssary to have room for the horses of both the inside and outside hinged

during seeding time in the spring and shown in front of the barn in the flalso during the fall plowing. Farmers | lustration is a great convenience. The that use during these seasons as many inside is made with a slight taper as 12 horses say that a good barn for toward the top so that there will be no them is the best kind of economy, It danger of ice bursting the tank. The

Visitors to New York Library. The announcement that the average ences, such as feeding devices, manure number of readers in New York's





Ground Floor Plan of Horse Barn.

carriers, etc., that help in making the public library is almost double the

mals very easy work. The stable should be large enough ing the busy season. The one shown here has stalls enough for 12 horses and also has four stalls that can be used for valuable animals or for any reason desired. Outside Dutch doors are provided in the box stalls in addi-Dutch doors are a great convenience during nice weather. They enable horses or cows to get plenty of fresh mals are allowed to look around, as they can with such methods of construction, they are not as likely to become restless.

Concrete is not a satisfactory mate-Shouldering her way to the plat- rial as a general rule for the stalls pentine land are called "orchards," of horse stables, as shod horses are Early in the year, before the "juice" of apt to slip and perhaps injure them, the pine is ready to exude, the trees a material that can be washed down in the term would seem to signify, apthe same way as concrete and yet provides a surface that is resilient and the tree, but are cuplike cavities cut that will not become slippery.

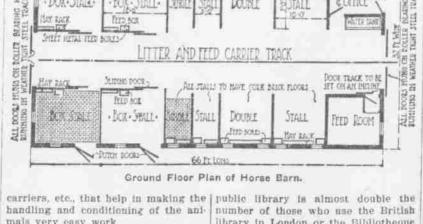
There are two materials that have been used for this purpose with considerable success. One is the cork inches in width and seven in depth. brick that is specified in the accom- Each of them is presumed to hold a panying floor plans and the other is quart. Usually there are two and the treated wood block. The wood block is in various forms and is treat- boxes to each tree. The life of the ed with many different substances, of pine, as of other trees, is drawn from which the most common is creosote.

cork which is mixed with refined as- strip of the bark between the boxes. phalt and then pressed under heavy pressure into a brick. The brick is therefore, upon the size of the tree and very resilient and never becomes slip- the width of the intervening strips. pery and can be washed down with a hose, as it is waterproof.

The brick are laid up in a half-inch Portland cement cushion and the joints between the brick are grouted.

type is laid over the complete barn, the country, according to a report just but in most cases a concrete floor is made public by the St. Louis pure placed in the barn outside of the stalls. | milk commission. The death rate was A litter and feed carrier track runs | 80 in 1,000, a reduction from a rate of through the center of the barn and 103 in the previous year. The great makes it an easy matter to keep every- falling off in deaths is held to be due thing clean, so that there is no excuse to, first, the persistent campaigns of for allowing manure to accumulate. the health department, the pure milk The track which handles the carriers commission and other social agencies runs out through the sliding door in for the last fifteen years, together with the back of the barn to a manure pit the enforcement of the new pure milk or directly to the manure spreader, law during the past year, and, second, from where the manure is taken to the to the unusually cool summer.

The frame of the barn is supported on a good concrete foundation that is carried down to spread footings below stick, when things seem to go wrong; the frost line. The walls are also car- but we have found that is just the ried 24 inches above grade and the way to make things go right.



library in London or the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris should not be to hold the horses that are needed dur- taken as an indication that the Englishmen and the Frenchmen neglect their reading. For one thing, the New visitor here from Paris recently was

York library is open for longer hours daily than either of the others. A surprised to find artificial lights in the tion to an inside door and windows. big building at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. "The Biblotheque Nationale is not lighted." he said. "and frequently in winter it is imposair without leaving the barn. If ani- sible to read there after four o'cloc' in the afternoon."

> The Turpentine Workers. In the Carolinas, whence most of the turpentine is derived, tracts of tur-

pendages attached to the outside of into the trunks about a foot from the ground. They measure from ten to fourteen inches across, and are four sometimes even three or four such the soil through the bark; hence it is Cork brick is made of granulated necessary always to leave an uncut The number of the boxes depends,

Saving the Bables.

The 1915 death rate among babies one year old in St. Louis was the lowest of any year on record and is In some horse barns a floor of this among the lowest of all the cities in

Man Who Sticks, Wins. It is hard to stay on and work and



House at Last Puts the Final K on Merrimack

W ASHINGTON.—John Jacob Rogers, who represents a highly cultured and orthographically correct constituency in Massachusetts, arose in his wrath in the house one afternoon during the debate on the rivers and harbors bill and

bemoaned the fact that his favorite river's name was spelled wrong in the bill. It is "Merrimack," and John Jacob called attention to the fact that the bill has it "Merrimac."



known as the man who sunk the k in Merrimack." "I object to anything being added to this bill unless it be in the measure preparedness," solemnly announced Representative Sims of Tennessee

"Would not a river be harder to take if it had an extra letter?" asked

Representative Mann, the Republican leader. "True," remarked Representative Sims.

Thereupon the house solemnly voted on the Rogers suggestion.
"All those in favor say 'aye," said the chairman of the committee of the whole, and there was a chorus of "ayes." "Those opposed."

Thereupon Nick Longworth bawled "No!" at the top of his voice, because he believed schedule K was in danger. "Division," called out Representative Rogers.

The house then stood up to be voted, and there were 65 members on their feet in favor of putting the O. K. on a final "k." Representative Longworth voted in the affirmative, laughing all the time as if he would never stop. Therefore in the house it is now "Merrimack,"

Uncle Sam Now Selling His Superfluous Pelts

S O MANY skins of predatory wild animals have been turned in by its official hunters that the department of agriculture has instituted a plan of selling the pelts not required for scientific purposes at public auction. As a result, a

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fur business which nets tidy sums for the federal treasury has been developed as a side line. In the last four months 1,399 pelts useful for manufacture into furs, muffs, or rugs have been sold in four sales for \$2,552, the last sale, late in Murch, yielding \$1,155.55.

The skins disposed of include the tollowing: Coyote, bobcat, skunk, badger, opossum, lynx, gray fox, kit fox, raccoon, civet cat and ring-tailed cat. All of these animals have been killed

by employees of the biological survey in its various compaigns to rid different sections of the country of animals which are hurtful to live stock, cultivated crops or timber. As each of the official hunters is trained carefully in handling and preserving the skins of animals, the pelts reach the department in excel-

The bulk of the skins sold have been coyote, or prairie wolf, pelts resulting from the active campaigns of extermination against this animal in the cattleraising districts of the West. Those in charge of the sales report that the coyote pelt is growing in popularity as a fur, and as a result the prices offered

for these skins at the auctions have steadily been increasing. With the increase of the campaign of extermination against the coyote a large number of coyote skins and other furs are being received by the department and will be open for purchase at auction within a short time. Moreover, the department reports, the needs of museums and other scientific institutions for specimens have largely been satisfied, so that practically all skins received at the department are now put on sale. Notices of these fur sales are sent out about ten days prior to each sale,

Elk From the Yellowstone in National Museum

FAMILY group of American elk or wapiti from the Yellowstone National park has been put on exhibition in the west wing of the new building for the United States National museum. The animals in this exhibit were espe-



cially collected for the Smithsonian, through the courtesy of the interior department, from one of the herds of elk under government protection. The group was prepared originally for the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco and was exhibited there in the Palace of Agriculture.

This group shows a family of elk in the Yellowstone National park at the first sign of winter. Snow has fallen during the night while there was no wind, and lies heavily on the pine

boughs and branches. American elk or wapiti, scientifically termed Cervus canadensis, which once had a wide distribution in North America, are now confined chiefly to the states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho and the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada. The largest herds occur in the Yellowstone region, numbering between 50,000 and 55,000, distributed in two main herds. Congress recently has appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of an elk

refuge where sufficient hay can be raised each year for feeding the herds during the winter. This refuge, comprising about 2,000 acres, is located in Jackson Hole, two miles north of the town of Jackson, Wyo. Elk are polygamous and breed readily in captivity. The wild herds in Montana and Wyoming bring in large returns to these states, in the form of

hunting licenses, guides' fees and money spent by tourists and sportsmen. During the past few years experiments have been made in transferring small herds of elk from the Yellowstone park and Jackson Hole to other localities for the purpose of restocking government and state reservations. About 1,300 elk have been so transferred to 13 different states.

It is estimated that there are about 2,200 elk in captivity in about 125 different places in the United States, the total number, wild and in captivity, in this country being estimated at between 80,000 and 100,000

Children Beautifying Capital by Garden

M ORE than 15,000 schoolchildren of Washington are occupied in beautifying Washington as a whole through the interest they evince in their own home gardens, according to a statement made by one in charge of the work of directing the efforts of the youthful garden-

ers. It was explained that the consumption of 170,000 packages of seeds by the youngsters has attracted large numbers of new recruits this year, And every effort will be strained, it is said, to hold the interest of all at present engaged in the work of making the most of the great possibilities of Washington as a "garden city."

The work is under the general direction of Miss Susan B. Sipe. This work is encouraged and supported by

the People's Gardens association of the District, of which Miss Sipe is secretary. This organization, working on the theory that much can be accomplished toward beautifying Washington by instilling a desire for this end in the rising generation, has lately concerned itself principally with promoting this interest among children.

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WORTH KNOWING

tacks and most fruit diseases.

have been electrified. A German electrician claims to have can measure one ten-millionth part of

a second of time. Shafts sunk into a burning coal field of blazing coal,

The French inventor of a machine to measure fatigue says that 95 per Bananas are immune from insect at- cent of corpulent persons are so because they have given in when they Up to date about 2,500 miles of felt tired, and that it is practically imsteam railroads in the United States possible to tire out a fat person in good health.

To permit escape from steam or invented an apparatus by which he gas-filled rooms in emergencies a water seal exit has been invented, a tank filled with water being installed beneath the floor, a wall extending inin Germany revealed 18 distinct veins to the water preventing the passage. of steam or gas.